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### In State of Alabama vs. Richard Dale Taylor

#### Charge amended from murder to assault, 2<sup>nd</sup> degree

What began Monday, Sept. 18, as a murder case on the Elba Criminal Jury Trial Docket quickly became an assault, second degree case regarding the fate of defendant Richard Dale Taylor.

Taylor was arrested Jan. 12, 2005 and charged for the murder of Joseph Finkley of Kinston. Finkley was reported missing Jan. 1, 2005 by family members and his body was later found floating in a pond on the property he was last seen.

A jury was selected Monday, Sept. 18, for Taylor's trial (State of Alabama vs. Richard Dale Taylor).

The trial began Tuesday morning, Sept. 19, with the State first to move with the defendant and victim representative's concurrence to amend the indictment to charge the lesser included offense of assault, second degree.

Court records indicate, "although assault is not normally a lesser included offense of murder, as part of the defendant's reckless conduct, the indictment alleges his physical assault of the victim. Based upon the unique factual averments of the indictment and the proof required of the State, it is

a lesser included offense in this case."

Upon his arraignment to the amended charge of assault, second degree, Taylor entered a plea of guilty which the court accepted and declared.

Taylor was sentenced to serve

### Elba BOE approves several "plans"

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board members did a lot of "plan" approving at their regular September meeting last Tuesday evening.

In addition to reviewing the finances and agreeing to pay the presented monthly bills, members dove into a host of official forms compiled by school administrators and teachers which the Alabama Department of Education requires to have the board's official stamp of approval. These included an updated "At Risk Plan", "Capital Plan", "Accounting Procedures Manual", "Children's First Plan", "Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Plan" and a "Professional Development Plan".

While reviewing the financial status with Superintendent Danny Weeks, board members were assured that the sudden drop in fund balances for the lunchroom account was not a matter to be worried about. It is recommended that the schools

keep a three month operating balance in their accounts. Weeks explained this drop is normal for the first month of school when new food supplies are being purchased and before state and federal funds begin to flow into the accounts.

The "At Risk Plan" for the coming year is funded by a grant of \$38,416. Parts of this account are allocated to an ISS instructor at the high school, an elementary counselor and 20% (or \$7,683.20) is earmarked by law to an outside organization working with families. This year Family Services, of Enterprise, was again the only group to present a plan to the local school system and was allotted the funds. There are 11 members of the staff who served on the planning committee for this plan.

The "Capital Plan" is what the name implies, a structured plan for building and maintaining school facilities, including grounds, buildings and furnishings. The formal plan runs

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### POW/MIA Recognition Day observed in Elba

A small ceremony held Friday morning, Sept. 15, in Elba served as commemoration of a very special day for Americans as POW/MIA Recognition Day was observed.

Before 1979, there was no specific day set aside to honor America's prisoners of war and those missing in action; however, a congressional resolution changed that. In the mid-1980s, the day of commemoration took place in July and April.

Since 1986, POW/MIA Recognition Day has been observed on the third Friday in September. In honor of this day, a wreath was placed Friday morning next to the Ben Ringsdorf monument in downtown Elba.

Herbert Benjamin Ringsdorf, a native of Elba, served in the U.S. Air Force and became a prisoner of war after his aircraft was shot down Nov. 11, 1966 five miles west of the city of Vinh Linh in Quang Binh Province, North Vietnam. He was released Feb. 12, 1973.

The Ringsdorf monument was constructed in Elba many years ago to honor Ringsdorf and all other prisoners of war along with those considered missing in action. The wreath placed next to the Ringsdorf monument last Friday morning was arranged by Wildflowers Florist and Gifts and delivered by Delonda Harrelson.

A special guest in attendance for the wreath placement ceremony was Jane Bryan, the daughter of the late JC Wright.

Wright was a POW in World War II. He was held in Baum, Germany from March 28, 1945 until April 12, 1945.

Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) thanked Bryan and her husband, Mike, for participating in the ceremony.



Those participating in the wreath placement ceremony last Friday morning in Elba in commemoration of POW/MIA Recognition Day were (from left): Elba Mayor James Grimes, Mike and Jane Bryan, and Delonda Harrelson.

### Area Happenings

A FAMILY COURT MEETING is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21 (THURSDAY), at 9:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. The meeting will be conducted by members of the nursing home staff and will focus on updated policies and procedures of the facility. Information will be provided related to the upcoming influenza season and pandemic influenza preparedness. All sponsors, family members and friends are invited to attend.

THE 2ND ANNUAL "JACK DAY FESTIVAL" will be held Friday, Sept. 22, with all team in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Shocoma, the New Brockton Gamecocks will host Greenwood, the Kinston Bulldogs will travel to Florida, the Zion Chapel Patriots will travel to Lake County and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Astoria. Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

THE 2ND ANNUAL "JACK DAY FESTIVAL" will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, at Green Memorial Stadium on the campus of Elba Chapel High School from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

A BURNING STAR AND HEALTH FAIR will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on the square in Elba.



**BUILD WEEK FOR ELBA COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND IS HERE...**The long awaited "build week" for the Elba Community Playground arrived this week. Volunteers officially were scheduled to begin working Wednesday morning, Sept. 20; however, the first part of the week found some work already underway. Before construction of the actual equipment could begin, many many holes had to be dug in preparation for construction. This work began Monday and continued through Tuesday as workers used an auger to dig the necessary holes on site. With the actual construction now underway, community help is necessary in making it a success. Daily shifts run as follows: 8 a.m. until Noon, 12:30-5 p.m.; and 5:30-9 p.m. Any time a person can spare, however, is really appreciated. The playground is being constructed on site of the old Elba High School facility in downtown Elba.

### Elba mayor updates commissioners on status of Coffee County EMS

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he thought the law indicated the depository should be selected annually; however, Dalrymple said he knows of other counties that select a depository for more than one year at a time.

When asked exactly how long the county has until it needs to have a depository selected for the new year, county administrator Wilson Mobley said commissioners have until the first Monday of December to select a depository.

Commissioner Stephens said he is for doing what Commissioner Dalrymple suggested; however, he said he felt like the commission owed it to those that sent quotes to look at their proposals.

After more discussion, Commissioner Linda Westbrook made a motion with a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks to table any action relating to the depository until the next meeting. This motion passed by a 4-3 vote. Commissioners Westbrook, Brooks, Stephens and J.L. Weeks voted in favor of tabling while Commissioners Dalrymple, Grimsley and Jim Thompson voted against it.

County resident Sherry Perdue addressed commissioners regarding stray animals

within the county. This is not the first time Perdue has expressed her concerns over this issue.

She presented each commissioner with a letter and copy of the state statute regarding the maintenance of pound; notice of impoundment; and adoption of animals.

Reading from the statute, Perdue said, "It shall be the duty of each and every county in the state to provide a suitable county pound and impounding officer for the impounding of dogs and cats found running at large in violation of the provisions of this chapter. Every municipality with a population over 5,000 in

which the county pound is not located shall maintain a suitable pound or contribute their pro rate share to the staffing and upkeep of the county pound."

Perdue said stray animals are a problem the county needs to address. She noted while the county does have an agreement with the City of Elba for stray animals to be brought to that facility, she said sometimes there is not enough room there and the county citizens have to take the animals to the facility.

If a resident is dealing with a dangerous animal, Perdue said he/she could get hurt. She

encouraged commissioners to see if there is some way to control these stray animals.

"There's no one to call right now unless someone gets hurt," she said.

Elba Mayor James Grimes also addressed commissioners during the meeting to provide an update on the current status of Coffee County EMS. He said the city was asked a few months ago to look at taking over the operations and management of the corporation. Since it was already providing the building and ambulances for the already existing corporation, he said the city chose to take on this endeavor.

Grimes said Coffee County EMS is operating as a separate corporation under the umbrella of the City of Elba. He said City of Elba office personnel is being trained on the billing requirements.

While addressing commissioners, Mayor Grimes asked them to consider putting back the original amount in the budget allocated for service from Coffee County EMS to the county.

Coffee County EMS covers the county west of New Brockton in regards to emergency medical response.

"I would like to thank the mayor and city for taking this over," said Commissioner Westbrook. "It is a much needed service."

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Patrol officer Michael Adkison currently serves the community with seven years of law enforcement experience. He has served approximately four of those years (all together) as a member of the Elba Police Department.

"I enjoy the variety of different encounters everyday," he said in regards to why he chose law enforcement. "And, just to be completely honest, I am an adrenaline junkie."

Beyond the Elba Police Department, Officer Adkison also spent two years with the Enterprise Police Department and has served as a reserve for the New Brockton Police Department. He is D.A.R.E. certified and is certified as a field training officer.

When asked about his most memorable police experience, Officer Adkison revealed it as, "being involved in a motor vehi-



Officer Michael Adkison

cle accident with another officer during a high speed chase." Away from the department, Officer Adkison said he enjoys

fishing and spending time with his family. He and his wife, Misty, have two sons, Christopher, age 9, and Mason, age 7.



## EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS  
With Ferrin Cox

The reach of computers and the internet is boundless, that is a given. We use this great tool daily. However it is still amazing to read of some off-the-wall web site being flocked to by thousands. VampireFreaks is the latest reportedly being flocked to by some unbalanced citizens, including a recent random school shooter. We wonder how in the world do people find these web sites? Our simple mind was appalled that many teens had found MySpace (plus several similar web pages) and were posting very personal information on their web server for anyone to see, but apparently that is a tame site compared to many others out there. Gosh we had to get a teenager to demonstrate how to get on MySpace . . . but ended up chucking the thought of reading those things, as the computer kept asking for passwords. Apparently there is an unspoken system for discovering passwords, but we have chosen to remain ignorant of that part of cyberspace.

A Russian lawmaker recently proposed a plan to shoot American singer/performer Madonna into space on a future trip to the space station. Remember this is the woman who uses shock tactics to get publicity, including wearing revealing dresses or her underwear on the outside of her other clothing. Upon reading that bit of very vital information, a grin crossed our face with the thought of the upcoming talk show jokes it would spawn. Now apparently not one jokester found a way to support a plan for Madonna to take a one-way trip on one of those rockets without offending so many people who express deep concerns for the world's real life astronauts.

Last week we published a full page ad from Toledo Molding & Die. This relatively new Elba company is "running and gunning", working three shifts, seven days a week. The workers we have talked with have nothing but praise for their working environment. The company is trying every day to hire additional workers, etc. This is good for Coffee County but the low unemployment rate makes it hard for them to find people who can meet their exacting work standards. Quality people are required for the firm to continue turning out the A-1 quality auto parts the company is known for producing. There can be nothing but praise for the positive impact Toledo is having on Coffee County and the people who live and work here.

It is going to be interesting to watch the new playground building process this weekend. In fact it will be a major feat to coordinate so many workers in such a short time. It will probably also be disastrous for any of our unorganized Elba folks to get in the way of those Ft. Rucker soldiers who have volunteered their muscles and brains to the crash construction process, which is projected to be completed by sundown Sunday. See ya!

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, investigated the following incidents: one for a disorderly person, one for discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle, two for theft of property, one for domestic violence, one for minor in consumption of alcohol, two for harassing communications, two for criminal mischief, one for robbery, one for criminal trespassing and one for burglary.

The following arrests were made: two for domestic violence, one for minor in consumption of alcohol, two for harassment and one for probation revocation.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: MONDAY, SEPT. 11 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 990 Brunson St. (12:53 p.m.).

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12 - Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to 987 Drayton St. (4:47 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Solie Dr. (4:48 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (verbal w/ a possible drunk person) at 603 Kendrick Apts. (6:37 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Putnam St. (6:48 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14 - Routine activity.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to County Rd. 345 (9:26 a.m.); Domestic disturbance (progress) reported at 1549 Powell Circle (4:40 p.m.); Disturbance (unruly customers) reported at the package store (8:09 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported on Sunset Blvd. (8:33 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 - Disturbance (noise) reported at 1404 Martin Luther King Dr. (9:52 p.m.); Disturbance (noise) reported at the apartments on Simmons St. (10:08 p.m.); Prowler reported at 1246 Jones Circle (10:12 p.m.).

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 990 Carver Dr. (7:59 p.m.); Report of a gun being discharged in the area of Hwy. 189 N. (9:28 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1507 Powell Trailer Park (10:38 p.m.).

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME REMAIN ANONYMOUS

Tools still needed for Playground  
Build this week:

The following is a list of tools desperately needed to help in the build of the Elba Community Playground. Construction began Wednesday of this week and will continue through Sunday. Anyone with any of these tools that is willing to loan them for the build is asked to drop them off at the build site (old Elba High School site). The tools will be returned in as good or better condition. If tools are broken, they will be replaced.

- Needed:
- (2) Cat's Paws
- (56) 3/8" Drills, electric or battery operated
- (2) 1/2" Drills
- (40) 25' heavy duty extension cords
- (6) grinders (4-1/2" - 5")
- (40) hammers
- (25) levels, 3' or longer
- (5) post hole diggers
- (20) rakes (metal)
- (2) Compound Miter Saws
- (3) Electric Impact Wrenches (NO pneumatic)
- (5) Orbital Jigsaws
- (2) 100' tape measures
- (3) Steel Digger Bars, 3' or longer
- (9) Brooms, push or straw
- (4) Scrub Brushes
- (20) C-Clamps (large - 4" or greater opening)
- (6) Clamps, pipe or bar (4-8")
- (2) Wood Ramps
- (19) Circular Saws
- (1) Sawmill
- (18) Shovels
- (2) Bevel Squares
- (18) Speed Squares
- (14) Combination Squares
- (2) Framing Squares
- (3) 8' Step ladders
- (3) 10' - 12' Step ladders
- (40) 25' Tape Measures
- (1) Laser Level
- (8) Utility Knives
- (25) Wheelbarrows (for mixing concrete and moving gravel/dirt)
- (4) Sets of Ratchet Wrenches with 9/16" or 1/2" Deep well sockets
- (8) Routers
- (1) Belt Sander

\*\* The overall success of build week depends greatly on the kindness of the community. All help is greatly appreciated!

## FOUR GENERATIONS OF FAMILY...



FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE DONALDSON FAMILY are represented in the above photo. The family members include Wanda Donaldson, her daughter Bama Farris, her grandson Billy Gibson, and her great-grandson Ethan Jack Gibson.

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## CHURCH NEWS



# SCHOOLS



by Ryan McCollough



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Ashton Rodriguez  
& Ciara Burrows

### Events planned for FFA chapter

Submitted by April Finefore,  
Reporter - Elba FFA Chapter

Elba High School's FFA has many activities planned for the 2006-2007 school year.

Around town, citizens may start to see several members representing the FFA by wearing their new 2006-2007 FFA t-shirts.

The annual FFA Fruit Sale will begin sometime this month. All fruit orders will arrive on Nov. 27. Everyone, including parents, who sell fruit will be invited to attend a winter cook-out. The cookout will be in

December, the exact date will be announced.

FFA members and parents were encouraged to attend the peanut bowl on Sept. 14. Guest speaker Mike Cobb, a wildlife officer, addressed the changes in the Wildlife Rules and Regulations for the upcoming hunting season.

On Oct. 18 several FFA members will travel to Moultrie, Ga., to explore the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition (North America's Premier Farm Show). The FFA looks forward to seeing members and parents getting involved in these activities.

### CORRECTION:

I would like to apologize for omitting Lauren McClung's name in the EHS Ambassador article. She is the Event Chairperson for the EHS Ambassadors for the 2006-2007 school year.

Sorry for the inconvenience,  
Christina Bryant

### Lady Tigers participate in Andalusia volleyball tourney

by Ciara Burrows

The varsity and junior high Lady Tigers traveled to Andalusia to play in the tournament.

This was the junior high's first year playing in a tournament. The junior high played five and won two games in all.

The girls were nervous but put their nervousness aside so they could win some games.

"They worked really hard and played together has a team," said Coach Barnes.

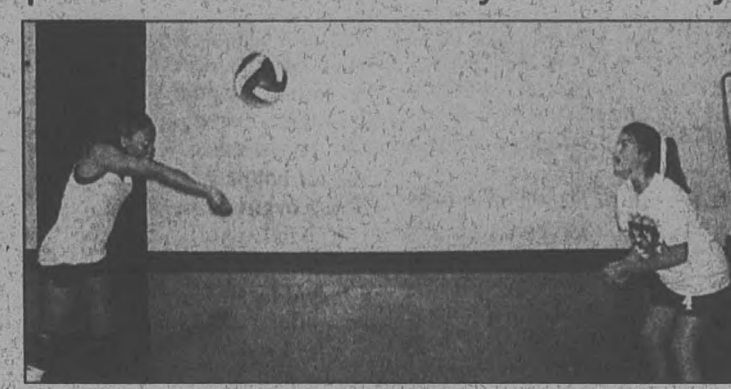
The varsity struggled early but quickly regained their strength and came back to win one game.

Coach Martin said, "The girls have come along way and are playing really well, they do not give up, they keep trying till the end. I am so proud of them all."

### Yearbook Announcement

The new yearbooks have arrived at Elba High School. Anyone that purchased a yearbook can pick it up at the school. The Journalism staff has ordered extra yearbooks and those can be purchased for \$45; they are all color.

The books can be purchased from a journalism member or by calling the school at 897-2266 to place an order.



Kendall Cole and Molly McGuire practicing hard for the Andalusia Tournament.

### Class receives "Heart Health" lesson

Michelle Grimes' fifth grade class at Elba Elementary School recently was treated to a special lesson on "Heart Health" by Starla Amison.

As the school nurse, Amison is very eager to help students learn how to be healthier. She

led the students in several activities that resulted in their heart rate increasing and decreasing.

Students were instructed to stop and take their pulse after each activity. They wrote down these pulse rates on a special sheet so they could compare how it changed after each activity.

At the end of the lesson, Amison took their blood pressure so they could record this information as well. The class really enjoyed having Nurse Amison teach and look forward to having her again.



Starla Amison and Anna Bowers



**SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS** (by Ashton Rodriguez)...Those chosen to lead the Class of 2009 this year include (from left) Jordan McBride, president; Megan Anderson, treasurer; Maiste Thomas, secretary; and Jason Mitchell, vice president.



**FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS** (by Ashton Rodriguez)...Those chosen to lead the Class of 2010 this year include (from left) Jabari Cole, treasurer; Justin McLaughlin, president; Kayla Rials, secretary; and JoJo McBride, vice president.

### Attention, seniors and parents...

The Elba High School Journalism staff is now receiving orders for senior graduation ads for the yearbook. Deadline to order is October 1st. Don't miss out.

1/8 page (black and white) \$50; (color) \$55  
1/4 page (black and white) \$90; (color) \$100  
1/2 page (black and white) \$110; (color) \$125  
Full page (black and white) \$160; (color) \$180

### Faculty Spotlight

by Justin Williams

This week's Teacher Spotlight is focused on Mr. Bryan Peacock.

Peacock is a science teacher, Head Girls Basketball Coach, and Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach at Elba High School. He

has been teaching for seven years and said he has enjoyed every minute reaching out and helping students. He has taught at Northview High School in Pensacola, Fla., Daleville Middle School and Enterprise Junior High.

He is the father of 6-year-old Hunter Peacock, who is in first grade at Rucker Boulevard Elementary School in Enterprise.



Bryan Peacock

attended college at Wallace Community College in Dothan and later went to finish at the University of Alabama.

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### New student orientation held at EES

by Terney Starks

New Student Orientation at Elba Elementary School was created to help all the new students feel welcomed and to help all the new students adjust to their new surroundings.

### Announcements from Elba High...

"See You at the Pole" for students (grades 7-12) nationwide will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Elba High School flagpole.

Community leaders are invited at this special event. All students are invited to come and support for the school.

All students are asked to invite a friend in hopes of a great turn out.

This is a reminder that Homecoming will be Friday, Oct. 27, against the Abbeville Yellow Jackets.

The EHS Journalism staff has decided to make this year a little bit more interesting in requiring each entry in the parade to revolve around a movie title theme. To sign up for the parade call Wanda Bucklew at 897-2266.

There is only one entry for each movie title, therefore, everyone is encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

### New student orientation held at EES

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New Student Orientation at Elba Elementary School was created to help all the new students feel welcomed and to help all the new students adjust to their new surroundings.

Mrs. Lynn Baker conducted "New Student Orientation" sessions for all new students at EES. Those sessions were held Tuesday, Aug. 29, where they met and shared with each other; Thursday, Aug. 31, where they had a visit from the principal and learned the policies and procedures of the school; Tuesday, Sept. 5, where they learned about the community; and Friday, Sept. 8, where they attended the pep rally at EHS.

"Together with the new students we talked about the school policies and procedures and learned about our school and community. We also introduced the students to key people in the school and community. Where they made new. I encourage you and your family to become involved in our school and our community," said Baker, guidance counselor at EES.

In this way, not only new students but current students and their families will help learn more about our school and community.

Support the Rebels...  
Zion Chapel vs. McKenzie  
(there)

**EHS Gridiron Poll**  
by Lauren McClung

This week the Elba Tigers face off against the Slocomb Red Tops. We, in journalism, asked around for the opinions of our students as to what the outcome will be. Their answers were:

Whitley Kilcrease	2	0
Brandy Caldwell	6	27
Meredith Brunson	21	14
Cynricka Dean	7	54
Shelby Brunson	110	0
Morgan Anderson	0	56

# SCHOOLS



## Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Julie Norris, Sponsor

### K-9 officer visits with second grade students

by Matt Williams & Stacy Williams

Corporal Stephen Dukes made a visit to Zion Chapel's second grade classes on Aug. 18.

The second grade has recently been studying about different types of jobs and communities.

Currently employed with the Troy Police Department's K-9 Unit, Corporal Dukes and his dog partner, Rex, patrol the city streets and when necessary, search for drugs.

Duke's two sons, Nate and Parker, attend Zion Chapel Elementary School.

### Jack Day set for Sept. 23rd

by Sheena-Marie Hussey and Brittany Dismukes

The Third Annual Jack Day will be Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Zion Chapel's Green Memorial Stadium.

This event will be sponsored by Altrusa International Inc. of a non-profit community service organization. All proceeds from Jack Day will go to Zion Chapel Schools and the community of Jack.

The day will consist of several different fun activities such as a dunking booth, arts and crafts booth, the Jack Day pageant, the "See You at the Pole" walk for Liberty, and various forms of local entertainment.



Jacob Rasberry

### New band director leads Rebel band

by Israel Garcia

The 2006-2007 Zion Chapel school year began on a great note with a new band director leading the Rebel Band.

The ZC band director, Jacob Rasberry, comes from Troy, Ala. He played saxophone in Sound of the South for Troy University.

Rasberry said he plans "to take what we have right now and take it to a higher level."

Rasberry said he has always wanted to be a teacher since he was young. He decided to be a band director because music was what he found he was best at.

The song selection the Rebel band will perform this year consists of "Hold On I'm Coming," "I Heard it Through the Grape Vine," and "I Feel Good."

"The show is coming along great," said Rasberry. "We are trying to put the third song on the field right now."

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### ZCCLC's after-school program continues to grow in third year

The Zion Chapel Community Learning Center (ZCCLC) kicked off its 2006-07 after-school program on August 7th.

This popular and successful program allows students in grades kindergarten through eighth to participate in activities that go beyond the classroom. These include dance, gymnastics, physical activities, music

and use of the new computer labs. Those enrolled are also given an excellent opportunity for homework help and review.

"I am very excited that we are beginning our third year of the after-school program," said Jane Coale, ZCCLC coordinator.

Coale has managed the program since its beginning in 2004. Since then, it has expanded to include 65 enrolled students and a 25 student waiting list.

Participants are divided into three levels, each with alternating teachers. Angie Dillard and Ashley Sheffield lead the kindergarten through first grade level. Students in the second through third grade level are taught by Betty McIntosh and Karen Petty. Four teachers lead the fourth through eighth grade level. They are Lee Boutwell, Verna Mozzo, Melinda Stinson and Ginger Vinson.

Each teacher is assigned an activity to help them with each activity and other tasks.

"We are really happy to have with us three new aids: Stephanie Collier, Stacy Williams and Matthew Williams, as well as our aid from previous years, Donna Flowers," said Coale.

In addition to the current activities, the program has new, exciting things on the horizon. Starting this fall, South Alabama Electric Cooperative and Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be sponsoring special activities for students enrolled.



Kirsten Collins

### Cheerleader viewed as role model for younger students

by Stephanie Collier and Stephanie Berry

While on the field, cheerleaders often go unnoticed by adults absorbed the football game, but in the eyes of children, these girls are seen as role models.

Cheerleading sponsor Paige Watson identified Sophomore Kirsten Collins as setting the "perfect example of a young lady" for the varsity squad. Kirsten is able to maintain a positive attitude on and off the field.

Even when making a mistake in the middle of a cheer, Kirsten is quickly able to recover with a smile. Her attitude brightens all of the squad members, and each girl thinks of Kirsten as a sister.

Kirsten also recognizes the importance of teamwork because it takes the entire squad in order to lead the crowd into various chants and cheers as motivation for the team.

Kirsten said, "There's just something about being able to get the fans cheering for our football team."

Kirsten not only excels on the field, but also in the classroom. She maintains an A average, and Watson said she is a joy to have in class. She



Kirsten Collins

respects both her teachers and coaches, and demonstrates a strong work ethic.

Children today often have difficulty choosing appropriate role models, but Kirsten Collins truly sets a fine example for any young person to follow.

### ZCCLC Extended Day students participate in Friday night football festivities

All eyes were focused on the Z.C. band as its members marched onto the field before the football game. Much to the surprise of the crowd, children carrying flags followed behind the Marching Rebels.

These are the second and third grade students of the ZCCLC Extended Day, an enrichment program which provides tutoring and creative arts education. Here, the students

are able to complete their assignments with the help of teachers. Betty McIntosh and Karen Petty.

Due to good behavior, these students have been given the opportunity to be a part of the Friday night football festivities. Before every home game, the children will march in behind the Rebel band with an American flag hanging over their shoulders. They will posi-

### Focus on Faculty

Name: Jackie Dillard  
Years teaching: Sixth Year  
Thoughts about ZCHS: "I've always been a Rebel and am proud to be teaching here now."

Favorite thing about teaching: "I love to see the growth that the children make from the beginning of school until the end."

Hobbies: Reading  
Clubs/organizations involved in: Altrusa, Delta Kappa Gamma, Zion Chapel Baptist

College(s) attends/attended: Troy University  
Auburn or Alabama: "War Eagle!"

Other interesting facts about you: "I get to teach with some of the teachers that taught me! I'm not going to name names though."

Name: Cheryl Grissett  
Birthday: Dec. 23rd  
Years teaching: Second Year  
Thoughts about ZCHS: "I love

Favorite thing about teaching: "I get to touch and change lives, and knowing that I make a difference."

Hobbies: "Being a mother, wife, and teacher. I don't have time for hobbies."

Clubs/organizations involved in: Kappa Delta Pi, AEA, NEA, Biggest achievement: "Graduating college. I waited 11 years after I graduated to go to college. I was a wife, a mother of two, and the first one in my family to graduate from college."

Most embarrassing moment: "I don't really know. I can't recall one."

Children/how many: Two girls  
College(s) attends/attended: Troy University  
Auburn or Alabama: "Auburn - War Eagle!"

Other interesting facts about you: "I feel very blessed to work with the people at Zion Chapel. Not just the teachers, but everyone. We treat each other like family and not many places that you work are like that. Everyone has made me feel like family and that means so much to me."

Name: Ashley Sheffield  
Birthday: December 19th  
Years teaching: "This is my first full year teaching."

Thoughts about ZCHS: "A growing community and school with excellent support and school spirit!"

Favorite thing about teaching: "Daily interaction with my students."

Hobbies: "Traveling, playing tennis, shopping, judging pageants."

Clubs/organizations involved in: JV cheerleading coach. "I am an adviser for Phi Mu Fraternity at Troy University."

Biggest achievement: "Making a difference in the lives of my students."

Most embarrassing moment: "Tripping over a tennis ball and twisting my ankle during a tennis tournament."

College(s) attends/attended: Troy University  
Auburn or Alabama: Alabama

Name: Jackie Sanders  
Birthday: Feb. 23, 1970  
Years teaching: First Year  
Thoughts about ZCHS: "Very close knit school."

Favorite thing about teaching: "The children."

Hobbies: "Reading, spending time with my family."

Clubs/organizations involved in: Southside Baptist Church

Biggest achievement: "Finishing my degree later in life."

Most embarrassing moment: "I asked a lady when she was going to have her baby, and she replied, 'I already have.'"

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## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have often told my daughters that if they didn't own jeans and t-shirts they wouldn't have anything to wear to school. However, my youngest proved me wrong last week when on Friday morning she headed out wearing shiny gold football pants and a black Elba Tiger ball jersey. Melanie looked very much like a true Elba Tiger and appeared ready to take the field, even if the costume was just meant to show school pride at an early-morning pep rally. She did come back home and change into her jeans, but kept on the jersey and made it clear that she is still the Tigers #1 fan!

## TIGERS SUFFER THIRD STRAIGHT SHUT-OUT LOSS

The Elba Tigers saw their record slip to 0-3 and suffered their third straight shut-out last week in a 14-0 region loss to Dale County. Coach Scott Rials switched from his usual wide-open spread attack in an attempt to control the ball and cut down on mistakes, and at least part of the plan worked as the Tigers had the ball for 68 plays compared to only 43 for Dale County and in the third quarter totally controlled the clock as they allowed Dale County only one snap from center. Elba was successful passing late in the game and passed for 60 yards on its final two possessions. So, maybe this week the Tigers will be able to combine the best of both offenses and use a balanced attack to put some points on the scoreboard. The Elba defense allowed only four first downs and 77 yards in total offense in the game, and limited the powerful Dale County running game to less than two yards a carry. I know the Tigers have yet to win and yet to score. However, they have had chances to put points on the scoreboard in all three games and I have the feeling that when they finally do get into the endzone the team will have a whole new outlook on the rest of the season.

## THREE AREA TEAMS HAVE A WEEK TO FORGET

The third week of the high school football season is now in the books and for the teams in the area in was a week they would like to forget. Here's a look back....

\*\*\* Brantley - The Bulldogs rolled to an impressive 42-0 win over Zion Chapel and once again showed that speed can be deadly. The Bulldogs had five scoring plays over 25 yards in the big region win as they unleashed their team speed on the Rebels, and let everyone in attendance know they are indeed the class of Class 1A. If Brantley can stay healthy and not get overconfident, a sweep of the region seems to be headed its way yet again.

\*\*\* Kinston - The Bulldogs traveled to Dothan and almost pulled off the first big upset of the season in the region before falling to Providence Christian 17-14. Kinston fell behind early and appeared to be headed for another lopsided loss, but refused to throw in the towel and had a chance to win late, only to see a rally fall short. The Bulldogs are winless after three weeks of action. However, they did show last week they are a team that cannot be overlooked.

\*\*\* New Brockton - The Gamecocks could have easily been 2-0 after the opening week of the season and went down to Headland last week confident a win was in the bag, but ran into a team determined to make the playoffs and ended up 14-0. I don't believe a loss ever does a team any good, the big loss last week should wake up the Gamecocks and make them realize the team that wants to win the most usually wins the game.

\*\*\* Zion Chapel - The Rebels found out first hand just how talented Brantley really is and got stung in a 42-0 loss at home. Zion Chapel was able to move the ball at times and had drives of 14 plays and 17 plays, but didn't cash in on either drive and then watched as Brantley scored almost instantly after regaining possession. The Rebels have a solid 1A team that can cause problems for just about any team it faces. However, the Rebs do need something good to happen to pump some new life into their season.

## THIRD WEEK OF SEASON NOW IN THE BOOKS

The third week of the high school football season is now just a chapter in the history books and it was quite a week for many teams all across the state. Here is a quick look back at the week that was....

\*\*\* Andalusia posted its second straight impressive win by blasting Opp 56-17. The Bulldogs lost a little luster after their season-opening loss to Pike County, but have been clicking on all cylinders ever since and made believers out of their cross-county rivals in the early-season region encounter.

\*\*\* Charles Henderson outscored Tallahassee 24-0 in the second half to pull away and post a big 31-7 win. The Trojans have been the state's biggest mystery for years and have never seemed to take that next step to become a 5A power. However, maybe this will be the season they crash that party and make some noise.

\*\*\* Eufaula continued to flex its muscles early in the season by pounding B.T. Washington 62-24. The Tigers rolled to a perfect regular season a year ago before falling in the playoffs and this year appear to be even better than before. There is a lot of football left to play, but the folks in Eufaula are excited and already looking ahead to the playoffs.

\*\*\* Geneva continued to add misery to Straughn's early-season woes as the Panthers hammered the Tigers 56-8. The Panthers could have easily had a letdown after the big win over Pike County, but instead came out ready to play and put this one to bed early as they coasted to the win. As for Straughn, the season doesn't get any easier in the weeks to come.

\*\*\* Greenville upped its record to 3-0 for the first time in years with a 34-7 win over outmanned Rehobeth. The Tigers from over in Butler County have a new coach and a new winning attitude, and after three weeks have to be the biggest surprise team in the state.

## Announcing an organizational meeting for

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Three weeks don't make a season; however, and I will reserve judgment.

\*\*\* Laverne struggled to get past Lanett 28-21 and the Tigers from Crenshaw County haven't been as good as thought in early-season action. It is true the Tigers are winning and are a team to beat in their region, but so far they have yet to put it all together and look like a dominant team that could go far in the playoffs.

\*\*\* Dothan continued its early-season struggles with a 57-7 loss to Opelika and after three weeks many Tiger fans have to be wondering if their new coach is the man to turn things around. Losses to Enterprise and Opelika were not upset, but the margin of defeat was more than expected and the Tigers may be in trouble.

\*\*\* Pike County struggled to get past Abbeville 28-20 and the Bulldogs may be a little vulnerable with star running back James Jackson on the sidelines nursing an injury. There is no doubt the Bulldogs still have a lot of athletes and can line up with any team around. However, last week's game may have shown the gap is closing between the "Dogs and the other teams in the region.

\*\*\* and, Enterprise dropped a 9-3 decision to Northview and all of the sudden the Wildcats have an early-season region loss on the schedule and may not look anywhere as invincible as thought to their other region foes. One loss doesn't break a season, but it can give the Wildcats' future opponents some extra hope they may have lacked before.

## FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

\*\*\* Elba's three teams in the Little Tri-County Youth Football League completed a sweep of its county rivals last weekend by claiming big wins over Zion Chapel. The Tigers had sweep three games from New Brockton in opening week action, and last week rolled past the young Rebels by a combined score of 102-6 in the triple-header. I am sure the Tigers have some tough games ahead in all three age groups, but after two weeks the youngsters and their fans are all smiles.

\*\*\* The Major League baseball season is drawing to a close and for the first time in years fans across the South won't have the Braves to cheer for in the fall. Atlanta has fallen victim to a tight budget and some questionable signings in recent years, and unless some new ownership comes in and spends some money the Braves could very well be just another team. It will be fun to watch what happens in the off-season.

\*\*\* Alabama head football coach Mike Shula sat out linebacker Juan Simpson last week for team violations, but there is no way the suspension will quiet the horde of Tide fans that have been so vocal ever since Shula failed to suspend him earlier. Now the suspension looks like just a reaction to critics, and the fact he sat the game against lowly Louisiana-Monroe made it even worse. One thing is certain, the talk shows will be lively this week.

\*\*\* Auburn got a leg up on an SEC West crown with its 7-3 win over LSU and now appears to control its own destiny in the conference and in the national title race. Tubby's Tigers used an aggressive defense and a never-say-die offense to get past the Bengals and now have their fate in their own hands. Now that the pressure is on Auburn to stay on top, it will be interesting to see what kind of scores the Tigers put up against some less than competitive opponents.

\*\*\* and, Troy dropped the second of its three-game venture into big-time college football last week and once again just didn't have quite enough in its tank to hold on and take home a win. The Trojans have proven they can play with any team in the nation on any given day and are close to being a mid-major power. Now they need to start playing some of the other mid-majors and forget the upsets they dream about against the nation's mid-majors.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PICKS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend and could only shake his head when asked about Elba's third straight shut-out loss. The local guesser said he has lost two steak dinners the last two weeks betting on the Tigers, and asked if I knew of any cut rate butchers that could save him some money. The prognosticator hit on 27 of 32 picks last week to move his early-season totals to 81-22, and vowed his best is yet to come. Oh well, here are this week's picks....

## ELBA VS. SLOCOMB

The Pea River felines have yet to find their way to the endzone,

## On road against Slocomb

## Elba Tigers looking for elusive first win

Two teams hungry for a win and looking to keep their win streak alive will clash Friday night in Slocomb when the Slocomb Red Tops host the Elba Tigers in a Class 3A, Region 2 encounter.

Elba will enter the game with an 0-3 record after losses to Brantley 49-0, Headland 15-0 and Dale County 14-0, while Slocomb will also bring an 0-3 record into the game after losses to Cottonwood 34-0, Dale County 7-0 and Headland 19-7.

"Slocomb is a lot like us in that they dress out only around thirty players and have to depend on youngsters to get the job done," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials. "Last season they upset T.R. Miller and made the playoffs, but this year they have a very young team and are having to learn as they go."

The Red Tops, coached by Jeff Mitchell, were expected to struggle at times this season. However, no one involved in the Slocomb program ever expected the team to get off to an 0-3 start and to score only one touchdown in the three game span.

"We've probably got fifteen sophomores who will be playing this year," said Coach Mitchell in a preseason publication. "They will have to step up and fill some key roles. A lot of teams we play have fifty or sixty kids. We may have only thirty kids on our team and we'll have a lot of two-way players. It will be very important for us to be a very well conditioned team."

While the Red Tops are short on experience, they do have one of the region's top all-around

and this week must hit the road and try and find their way down to Geneva County to tangle with a bunch of tomato pickers that are also looking for their first taste of victory. I heard the felines found a map and now know the way to the endzone. However, the guess here is the pickers will chase the felines out of the field and snatch the win.

SLOCOMB 8 ELBA 6

## NEW BROCKTON VS. COTTONWOOD

The fighting roosters from across the county lost more than just a few feathers last week in a big road loss, and this week will need to be careful to avoid a hungry batch of Bears that are heading this way looking for a free chicken supper. These roosters are game and will put up a fight, but the Bears will be hungry after the long ride and could leave just a stack of bones along the sidelines.

COTTONWOOD 34 NEW BROCKTON 7

## KINSTON VS. FLORALA

The Bullpups from down near the county line will head down south this weekend hunting some 'Cats that have scratched them up pretty bad in recent years. While the pups did learn to growl last week and almost pulled out a win on the road, the guess here is unless the pups have grown teeth another loss is on the way.

FLORALA 29 KINSTON 6

## ZION CHAPEL VS. MCKENZIE

The troops from Fort Jack will take a hike over to the woods of Butler County this weekend and have plans on taking no prisoners when they arrive at Tigertown. There is no doubt the long hike will have the troops in a bad mood, but I have a hunch the trip home will seem a lot shorter after they add a notch to their victory belt.

ZION CHAPEL 28 MCKENZIE 8

## BRANTLEY VS. ARITON

The 'Dogs from up across the river will have to get off their front porches again this week and head over the Dale County line to meet with some odd colored kirties that have grown claws. The 'Dogs will have to look both ways when they run across the four-lane path that leads into town, but won't quit running until they put win #4 in the books and take charge of the region race.

BRANTLEY 41 ARITON 7

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## SPORTS

## Record slips to 0-3

## Tigers scalped by Warriors 14-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

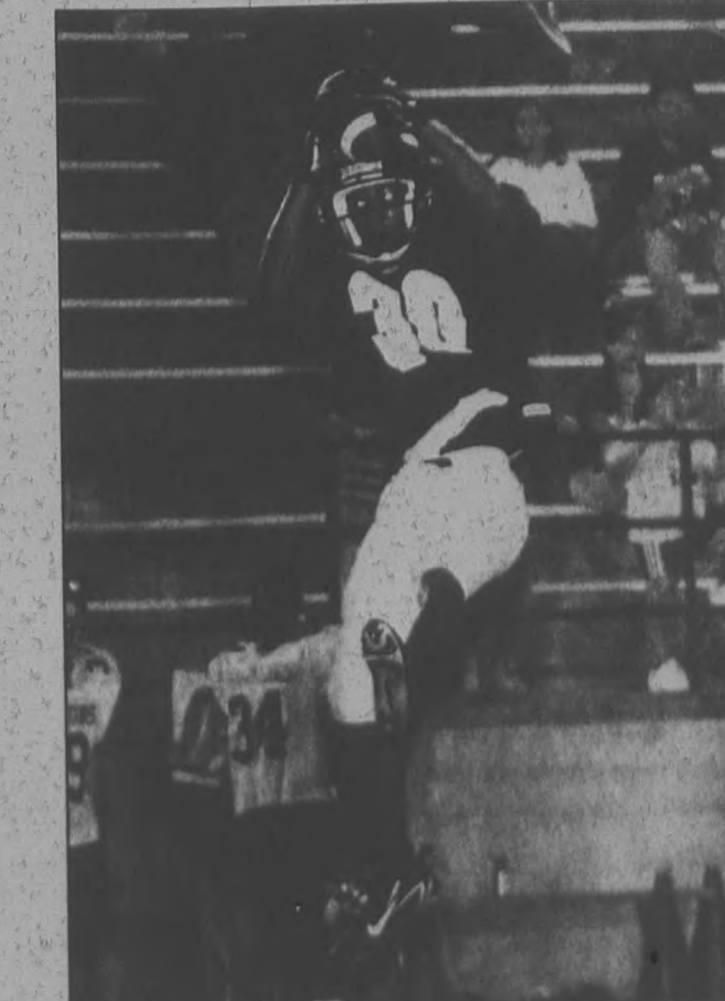
Two breakdowns in the kick-



Elba Tiger cheerleader April Flindore carries the flag as she leads the Tigers and fans onto the field Friday night against Dale County.



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ing game proved fatal Friday night as the Elba Tigers remained winless after dropping a hard fought 14-0 decision to

the Dale County Warriors, in Elba.

The loss left Elba with an 0-3 record, 0-2 in region play, while the Warriors upped their record to 3-0, 2-0 in the region, with the big road win.

Dale County received the opening kickoff, and while the Warriors generated little offense, the possession was successful as a 51-yard punt nailed Elba back on its own 9-yardline.

The Tigers went backwards on four running plays and were forced to punt out of their own endzone, and handed the ball back to the Dale County at the Elba 12-yardline as the punt was partially blocked and carried only seven yards.

It took the Warriors four plays to battle their way into the endzone, but they did reach payoff when on fourth down and one Chris Henderson took a handoff and bulled his way up the middle for a touchdown from two yards out. The extra-point was wide. However, with action still early in the opening quarter Dale County was on the scoreboard first with a 6-0 lead.

Elba went three and out on its next two possessions, but the offense finally showed signs of life on its fourth series of the game as the Tigers drove 77 yards in 12 plays to reach the Dale County 3-yardline. Bobby Hudson gained 36 yards on six carries to spark the drive, while Gavin Respress connected with Jacob Forbes on a 15-yard pass completion to help the Tigers head toward the Warrior goal line. Elba reached a first down and goal at the Dale County 9-yardline and after three running plays faced a fourth down and goal at the three. Respress kept on an option on the key fourth down play and stretched out for the corner of the endzone, only to be stopped inches short as the potential scoring drive ended short of its goal.

Elba received the second half kickoff and put the ball in play near midfield after a 30-yard return by Dakell Berry. The Tigers quickly moved into Dale County territory on a 9-yard scamper by Bobby Hudson and reached a first down at the Warriors 43-yardline. Elba faced a third down and three after two runs by Hudson. However, a penalty against the Tigers and a 12-yard loss on a quarterback option pushed them back and forced a punt.

The Tigers failed to move the chains on their next possession, but got a break when the Warriors fumbled the ensuing punt return and Elba recovered at the Dale County 40. Two running plays and an incomplete pass left Elba facing a fourth down and 13, and disaster again struck on the kicking game as a low snap was mishandled by the Elba punter and Dale County's Bill Calhoun scooped up the loose ball and raced 45 yards for a touchdown. Jessie Barefield rushed to Seth Davis for the two-point conversion and late in the third quarter Dale County owned a 14-0 advantage.

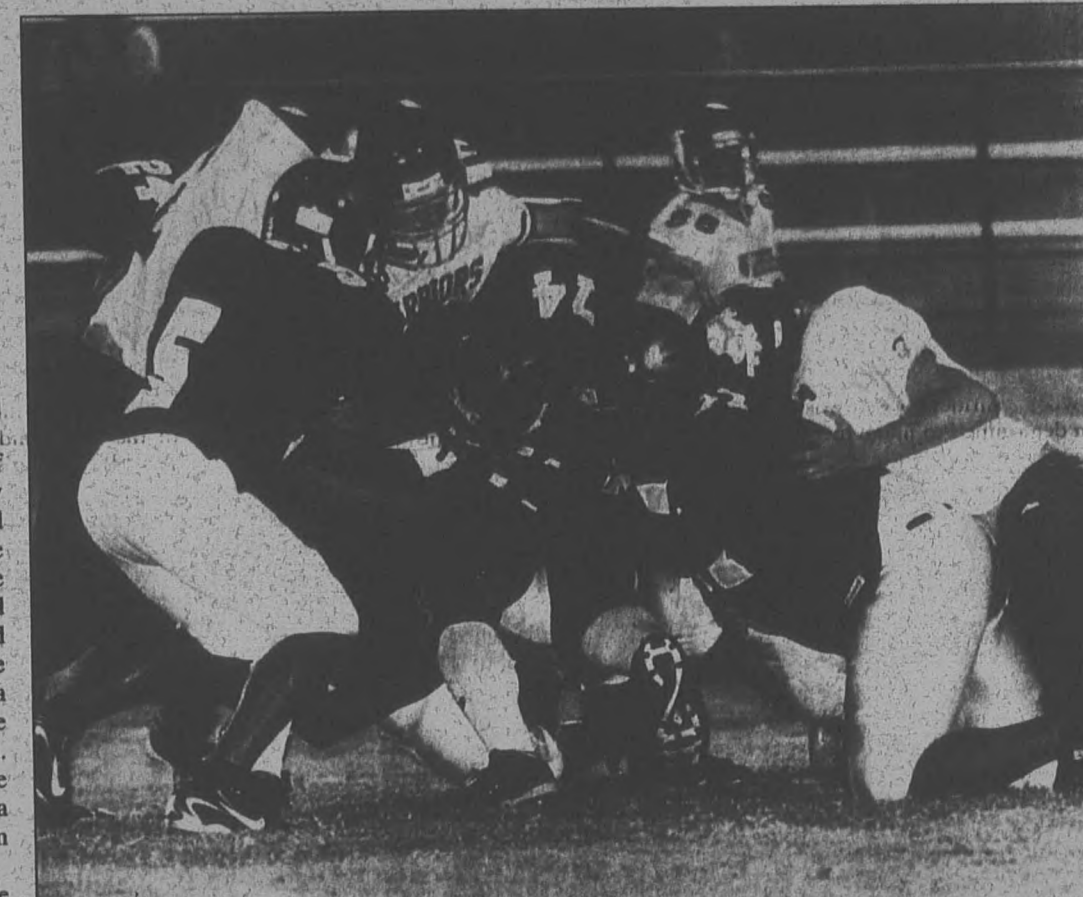
The two region rivals swapped turnovers on their next possessions as the Tigers lost a fumble on an errant pitch-out at the Elba 37-yardline, while the Warriors suffered a pass interception by Elba's Frank Morris that stopped the Dale County scoring opportunity.

The Tigers went to the airways on their final possession and behind the passing of Gavin Respress headed down the field. Respress connected on four of six passes for 35 yards, including three to Frank Morris for a total of 25 yards, but missed his target on his final pass of the possession and suffered an interception as Dale County recorded the 14-0 shut out win.

Bobby Hudson gained 53 yards on 16 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Gavin Respress added 13 yards on 11 carries and completed 7 of 19 passes with one interception for 82 yards. The Elba defense was led by Chase Boutwell with 11 tackles and 2 assists, while Dimetrio Tyson had 8 tackles and 2 assists. Trey Belcher had 3 tackles and 2 assists and Frank Morris had a pass interception.



Elba Tiger quarterback Gavin Respress (4) is knocked out of bounds just one yard short of the goal line in action last week against Dale County. The Tigers saw their scoreless drought reach 12 quarters with the 14-0 region loss to the Warriors.



Elba Tiger defenders Jason Mitchell (5), Chase Boutwell (74) and Dimetrio Tyson (77) combine to stop a Dale County runner for a short gain. The Elba defense held the Warriors to only 77 yards of total offense Friday night in the 14-0 home loss. This week Elba will travel to Slocomb looking to notch win #1 against the Slocomb Red Tops. Kickoff is set for 7:00 PM.

STATISTICS		
E		DC
11	1st Downs	4
43-68	Rushes-Yds.	33-65
82	Passing Yds.	12
150	Total Offense	77
7-19-1	Passes	1-31
5/2	Fumbles/Lost	2/1
6-28	Punts-Ave.	7-34
4-20	Penalties-Yds.	5-45

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# SPORTS

## Late rally falls short as Kinston Bulldogs fall to Providence Christian 17-14

By Scott Johnson  
Photos by Mary Johnson

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Dohan Friday night to battle the Providence Christian Eagles, and after falling behind early, played their best football of the season only to be turned away in the last seconds of the game in a 17-14 road loss.

On the first play from scrimmage, Providence Christian quarterback Nick Plagenhoef connected with Jake Nobles down the right sideline for a 71 yard touchdown. Only 20 seconds into the game, the Eagles led 7-0.

Erick Odom picked up a first down for the Bulldogs on their first series, but the Eagles defense halted the drive, and Zack Grondin came on to punt, pinning the Eagles inside the 15 yard line.

After using the air attack in the opening series, the Eagles covered this 86 yards on ten straight running plays. Jake Nobles and Chris Crawford each gained first downs before Crawford scored on a 3 yard carry. The Jake Nobles extra point gave Providence Christian a 14-0 lead midway through the opening quarter.

Kinston again failed to produce any offense on its ensuing possession, but a solid defensive effort would extinguish the fired-up Eagle offense.

Rob Sanders was twice in the backfield, and on the 11th Brad Elmore and Erick Odom combined on the tackle to bring out the Eagle punter at the end of the first quarter.

Inspired by the defensive stand, Kinston's offense came to life covering 91 yards on 21 plays to light up the scoreboard. Erick Odom and Jonathon Edwards each carried 10 times, grinding out 83 tough yards and consuming almost the entire second quarter. Quarterback Aaron Jacobs hit John Moss on the extra point with 29 seconds in the half the Bulldogs had cut the Eagle advantage to 14-7.

Kinston began the second half on offense and quickly moved into Eagle territory. Brad Elmore pulled in an 18 yard pass and Jonathon Edwards gained another first down, but the drive stalled.

The Eagles faced a determined Bulldog defense, and resorted to a bit of trickery, using a halfback pass to move into Kinston territory.

Kinston Lady 'Dogs spike Enterprise in prep volleyball action

The Kinston Lady Bulldog volleyball team upped its record to 19-5 Friday afternoon with a four-set win over the Enterprise Lady Wildcats.

The Lady Bulldogs claimed the win by scores of 25-20, 25-18, 26-28, 25-23.

Caitlin Tindell led Kinston with 9 kills, while Monica Wilford and Deanna Manning both added 7.

Christie Whigham had 27 digs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, followed by Jess Johnson with 18 and Heather Marlowe with 15. Caitlin Tindell led the Lady Bulldogs with 3 blocks, while Heather Marlowe and Deanna Manning added 2 each.

Heather Marlowe and Kourtney Pierce both recorded 2 aces, while Jess Johnson added 1.

Heather Marlowe also had 33 assists.

The Kinston JV upped its record to 5-0 with a 25-22, 25-17 win over Enterprise.

Kinston Jr. Bulldogs off to fast 2-0 start

The Kinston Junior High Bulldogs traveled to Arton last week in football action and posted a big 40-0 win. The Bulldogs opened the season with a 16-0 win over New Brockton.

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STATISTICS

NB 8 1st Downs 63

37-144 Rushes-Yds. 33-197

51 Passing Yds. 100

195 Total Offense 297

7-14-1 Passes 10-12-0

5-42 Penalties-Yds. 4-20



Kinston Bulldog coaches talk with team during a time-out Friday night in the Bulldogs' 17-14 road loss to Providence Christian.

Another Eagle completion moved the chains, and the Bulldogs soon found themselves defending a first and goal from inside the 10 yard line.

Trailing 14-7, the Dawgs were motivated to keep the football out of the end zone. After stops by Brad Elmore and Erick Odom and an incomplete pass, the Eagles were forced to settle for a field goal as the Eagles tackled on three points and upped their lead to 17-7.

Matt Whigham returned the kickoff to the 30 yard line, and Kinston again ground out a long scoring drive. Jonathon Edwards gained most of the yardage on 8 carries, while Brad Elmore contributed 16 yards on 3 carries including a 3 yard scoring run on fourth and goal.

Elmore added the extra point, and the Bulldogs trailed only 17-14 early in the final quarter.

The Eagles again drove deep into Bulldog territory and were poised to put the game out of reach. However, Matt Whigham picked off an Eagle pass at the 5 yard line to give new hope to the Dawgs with 4:09 left in the game.

A Jonathon Edwards scamper around right end and a Providence Christian penalty gave Kinston some breathing room, but the Eagles batted down a fourth pass to regain possession. The Dawgs desperately needed the football back

and forced a fourth and 4, but a favorable spot gave the Eagles a first down inside the 10 yard line.

Hope was restored to the Bulldogs when the football was stripped from the Eagle back, and Rob Sanders recovered for Kinston with 2:23 left in regulation.

Aaron Jacobs completed a short pass to Brad Elmore, and then things got exciting. On third down, Kinston ran Jonathon Edwards to the left, he pitched on the reverse to Matt Whigham. Whigham pulled up just short of the line of scrimmage and hit John Moss for a 30 yard completion down the right sideline. Facing third and 10 from the Eagle 46 yard line, Aaron Jacobs completed a short pass to Matt Whigham, who flicked the football to Jonathon Edwards cutting down the left sideline to the 15 yard line.

After an incomplete pass and a short run, the Bulldogs spiked to ball to allow a field goal attempt to tie the game. With 38 seconds to play, the ball sailed just left, and the Eagles held on for the 17-14 win.

Fighting back from an early deficit, the Bulldogs gave the fans a really exciting ball game and Coach Conney was proud of their effort.

The Bulldogs travel again next week to take on the Florida Wildcats.



A Kinston Lady Bulldog volleyball players makes a return during recent high school action. Kinston upped its record to 19-05 last week with a win over Enterprise.

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# SPORTS

## Remains undefeated

## Brantley runs past Rebels 42-0

By Greg Brunson  
Photos by Janet Brunson and Chris Winters

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Jack Friday night to do battle with the Zion Chapel Rebels and used a big play offense and a hard-hitting defense to claim a big 42-0 region win.

The win upped Brantley's record to 3-0, 2-0 in region play, while the loss dropped Zion Chapel's record to 1-2, 0-2 against region competition.

Zion Chapel's Kelsey Roberts recovered a Brantley fumble on the game's first possession to set the Rebels up near midfield, but the Bulldogs' defense refused to budge and forced a punt three plays later with the ball still near the midfield stripe.

Brantley began its second possession at its own 26-yard

line and this time needed only two plays to get on the scoreboard. The score came on a 73-yard touchdown pass from Jonathan Helms to Chris Booker, and Marcus Owens booted the extra-point to give the Bulldogs a 7-0 lead with 5:41 remaining in the first quarter.

A 25-yard punt return by Brantley's James Pittman set the Bulldogs up at the Rebel 30-yardline, and once again the 'Dogs reached paydirt. A 20-yard scamper by Chris Booker moved the ball to the Rebel 3, and from there Jeffery Daniels bulled over for the Brantley touchdown. Owens added the extra-point and with 1:48 left in the opening quarter the Bulldogs' lead was up to 14-0.

Brantley's Terry McClain intercepted a Joey Jones pass on the first play of the second quarter

to put the Bulldogs right back in business at midfield, and on the next snap the Bulldogs were off and running once again as James Pittman got spun around in the backfield, broke out and raced down the left sidelines 50 yards for a touchdown. Owens third extra-point was true, and with 11:35 remaining in the second quarter Brantley was in command with a 21-0 advantage.

Zion Chapel took the ensuing kickoff and put together a 14 play drive behind the running of Hunter Wise and Joey Jones. The Rebels ate up over eight minutes off the clock, moved the chains four times and moved to a first down at the Brantley 15, but saw the Bulldog defense stiffen as the drive neared the Brantley endzone, and Zion Chapel came away empty-handed when on fourth down a 32-yard field-goal attempt sailed wide.

Brantley began the second half at the Zion Chapel 42-yard-line after the kickoff squirted out of bounds, and again the Bulldogs wasted little time getting into the endzone as on the initial snap of the drive James Pittman took a handoff and raced 42 yards for a touchdown. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with only 12-seconds gone in the second half Brantley owned a 28-0 lead.

Zion Chapel failed to move the chains on its initial possession of the half, but got an early break when Brantley fumbled a Josh Nelson punt and Blake Little recovered at the Bulldog 30-yardline. Two runs by Hunter Wise moved the Rebels to the Brantley 19. However, the next four plays resulted in a loss of five yards and Brantley regained possession at its own 24.

Brantley needed only two plays to cover the 76 yards to the Zion Chapel endzone, while James Pittman again doing the honors as he took a pitch around the left end and galloped 71 yards down the sidelines for his third touchdown of the night. Owens drilled the extra-point as the Bulldogs lead went to 35-0 with 8:54 remaining in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs next possession began at the Zion Chapel 49-yardline and again ended in the Rebel endzone. A 38-yard completion from Jonathan Helms to Chris Booker moved the ball to the Rebel 10-yardline, while a holding penalty backed the Bulldogs up to the 25. Anthony Gully kept on a quarterback keeper on the next play and rambled 25 for the final touchdown of the game. Owens added the extra-point as the Bulldogs lead went to 42-0 with 11:25 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Zion Chapel took the ensuing kickoff and again marched down the field behind the running of Hunter Wise and a 23-yard pass from Joey Jones to Gatlin Carnley. The 17-play drive ended when Brantley's Justin Wright intercepted a Rebel pass in the endzone with 30-seconds remaining, and at the final horn the Bulldogs left with the 42-0 win.

Brantley's running game was sparked by James Pittman with 164 yards and 3 touchdowns on just 4 carries. Chris Booker added 43 yards on seven carries and also pulled in two passes for 111 yards.

Zion Chapel was paced by Hunter Wise with 83 yards on 26 carries and Joey Jones with 32 yards on 16 carries.

### STATISTICS

B		ZC
6	1st Downs	9
13-225	Rushes-Yds.	54-126
123	Passing Yds.	23
358	Total Offense	149
3-9-0	Passes	1-5-2
25	Return Yds.	75
2	Fumbles-Lost	0
4-35	Penalties-Yds.	5-25
1-19	Punts-Ave.	5-32

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BULLDOG FUMBLE.... A Brantley runner loses possession of the ball after being hit by a Zion Chapel tackler in Brantley's 42-0 win over the Rebels last week in a big region game at Zion Chapel.

## Walleye Daily Creel Limit Reduced in Alabama Waters

Habitat degradation in many creeks and rivers in Alabama has reduced the population size of walleye in several areas. A recent effort to collect walleye in the Coosa River by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources suggests that walleye abundance has decreased over the last several years. The decrease is also apparent by the lack of fishing success by local anglers in specific areas where walleye have historically been harvested. As a result, the daily creel limit on walleye in the State of Alabama will be reduced to two per person per day effective October 1, 2006.

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## Elba Chamber of Commerce holds annual membership banquet

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce held the annual membership banquet Thursday evening, Sept. 14, at the Elba Recreation Center.

Doris Matthews, 2006 chamber board president, welcomed everyone to the banquet and said she believed this year's attendance was the largest ever with more than 200 people.

Following a catered meal, Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce introduced the 2007 chamber officers and directors.

The 2007 officers will include: Denise Sauls, president; Eddie Vaughan, vice president; Mary McMillan, second vice president; Herby McCall, secretary; Mary Gray, treasurer; Doris Matthews, ex-officio; and Lynn Baker, public relations

director. The 2007 board of directors will include: Jerry Kelley, Laurie Chapman, Daniel Stephens, Tonya Jones, Kenneth Calhoun, Josh Wilson, Debby Bryan, Melissa Flowers, Michael Moseley and Mayor James Grimes.

The day-to-day operations of the chamber will continue to be handled by Whitworth and Eva Medlock, administrative assistant.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Enterprise-Ozark Community College Entertainers and several door prizes were given away.

Denise Sauls, 2007 chamber board president, offered the evening's closing remarks. She briefly mentioned several upcoming events to be sponsored by the Chamber and said she is looking forward to the upcoming year.



**THE TOP HONOR OF THE EVENING** last Thursday, Sept. 14, during the annual chamber banquet went to the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home as the local health care provider was named the **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**. Elba Mayor James Grimes (right) presented the award to Ellen Briley (left), administrator.



**A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION** highlighted the awards ceremony last Thursday evening, Sept. 14, during the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce membership banquet as Jack Padgett, owner of the Padgett Oil Company, was honored. Padgett retired earlier this year after many years of business in Elba. Mayor James Grimes presented a plaque of appreciation to Padgett recognizing his service to the community. This was followed by the sharing of kind words and fond memories for Padgett and his business from friends Kenneth Grantham and Daniel Stephens.

### Business Expo/Health Fair set for Saturday, Sept. 30, in Elba

The Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home is sponsoring their annual Business Expo and Health Fair on Saturday, September 30, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

There will be something going on for everyone to participate in. Free screening will be available for blood sugar, cholesterol, breathing strength, blood pressure, osteoporosis screening, sleep disorder screening and vision and hearing screening (this event is sponsored by The Elba Lions Club).

There will be information available on Home Medical Equipment, Long Term Care, Nutrition, Smoking Cessation, Breast cancer Awareness Fire Safety, Diabetes and much more. For children there will be Balloons, Spacewalk, Fingerprinting, and ID, DARE.

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## Coffee County Commission votes to wait on setting new garbage collection fees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Sept. 25, Coffee County Commissioners found differing opinions regarding when to set new garbage collection fees.

The commissioners were discussing the FY2007 budget when the discussion began. Commissioner Linda Westbrook made reference to money in the solid waste fund, and said she felt the commission should wait on setting the new fees.

Commissioner Jim Thompson did not agree one bit with Westbrook and quickly made a motion to set the garbage collection fee at \$16 per month for residents. He received a second from Commissioner Bernest Brooks.

"We can approve the budget today without setting the rate at \$16," Westbrook said. "All I'm asking is we take 90 days and look at the solid waste department and try and keep the rate down as much as possible."

Thompson said the money Westbrook was referring to in the solid waste department was there because the county put it there from the landfill fund. He insisted he did not feel it would be set.

The amendment passed by a 4-3 vote. The commissioners Doug Dalrymple, Linda Westbrook, Robert Stephens and Tom Grimsley. Opposing were commissioners Jim Thompson, Bernest Brooks and J.L. Weeks.

Following this long discussion, commissioners voted unanimously to approve the FY2007 budget totaling \$5,522,752 for the general fund, \$1,174,800 for the gasoline fund, \$1,253,000 for the RRR gasoline fund, \$371,000 for the public highway and traffic fund, \$999,900 for the road and bridge fund, \$2,847,000 for the landfill fund, \$1,033,251 for the solid waste fund, \$1,372,500 for the roll-off fund and \$1,193,975 for the reappuraisal fund.

### Elba City Council approves asking for bids on additional garbage cans

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council made short work of their business on Monday evening. The meeting was over in minutes but a "work session" is scheduled for next Monday evening to "handle some things we need to work on," Mayor James Grimes said.

The meeting opened with the police chief telling council members that every thing was routine in the department. He then added that there had been an increase in arrest during the past two weeks.

Mayor Grimes briefly reviewed the financial statement, noting that income was below budget but so were expenses. Expenses are about \$30,000 below budgeted amounts for the first ten months of this fiscal year.

The actual sales tax figures shown in the budget are misleading, explained the mayor. He explained that the state department of revenue was in the process of changing computer programs and has fallen behind in transmitting sales taxes to the municipalities of Alabama.

When the sales tax income is back on schedule and annual financial institution tax of \$55,000 is received, the mayor promises the budget revenues will be much closer to projected figures, the financial statement presented to the council on

the best interest of the county to wait to set the fees.

Commissioner J.L. Weeks seemed to agree.

"We have a new (garbage collection) contract," Weeks said. Citing higher fuel prices and cost of equipment, Weeks said the new contract is much higher than the one about to expire. He said the county is going to have to go up sooner or later, and he feels sooner is better.

Commissioner Robert Stephens pointed out there is a fuel adjustment clause in the new contract that will allow for review after one year.

"I can't see why we couldn't put this off 90 days to set our rate," Commissioner Tom Grimsley said.

He said he would prefer commissioners studying the issue more to get a better idea about the number of cans within the county and status of past due accounts. Then, he said, if there is still a need for fees to be \$16, he will be all for it.

Commissioner Stephens made a motion with a second from Westbrook to amend the original motion that garbage fees be the same until the last meeting in November. During that meeting, the new rates will be set.

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In other business, commissioners:

• Approved the bid for building the Zion Chapel Senior Center to Simco Construction Inc. at \$257,787. Also approved a motion authorizing the highway department to complete some site prep work at the site.

• Approved a motion to waive the fee for use of the community room for MOM (Mothers Opposing Meth). Beth Williams addressed commissioner on behalf of this organization and said they would like to begin holding support group meetings in October. She said MOM wants to work with law enforcement to fight the meth and drug use epidemic.

• Approved a motion to have minutes from commission meetings printed and sent to commissioners no later than the Wednesday afternoon following the meeting. Commissioner Dalrymple said this would help commissioners as information would still be fresh on their minds.

The next commission meeting will be Monday, Oct. 9, in New Brockton.

## Playground's build week ends with opening ceremony

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Screams of joy filled the air Sunday evening, Sept. 24, when the Elba Community Playground officially opened for play.

The playground project began March 2005 and became a visible reality last week.

Prior to allowing children in the playground for play, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held. Those participating in this included playground committee members, chamber board members, build week site captains, Elba queens and Elba Mayor

James Grimes. Mayor Grimes also presented Chapman with a plaque thanking her for her undying dedication to the project.

As the ribbon was cut, children were released to go play, and they made a mad dash to the playground.

Many of the volunteers also made their way to the playground to watch as the children tested the equipment, and many could be found smiling as they watched the youngsters enjoy their new playground.

Among the many comments was, "this is totally awesome!"

**\*NOTICE\***  
A playground work day will be held Saturday, Sept. 30, from 8 a.m. until 12 Noon at Tiger Town Park. Anyone who can is asked to help. There remain a few minor details to complete for Phase 1 of the playground project.



The Elba Community Playground officially opened Sunday evening, Sept. 24, with a new name Tiger Town Park. Several youngsters and a few of the young at heart enjoyed being among the first to play on the park's equipment. The playground was built entirely by community volunteers through the guidance of contractors from Leathers and Associates of Ithaca, NY. All children are invited to come enjoy the park, located in downtown Elba. Additional scenes from build week and the opening ceremony can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this edition of the newspaper.

## To Serve and Protect: Meet the Elba Police

Christy Wilson joined the Elba Police Department approximately four and a half years ago and serves as a police communications officer.

She also served two years with the New Brockton Police Department for a combined total of six and a half years of service in law enforcement.

During her career, Wilson has received various special/advanced training to include: NCIC/ACIS certification, Public Telecommunicator I and II certification, Emergency Medical Dispatch certification, First Responder certification, National Incident Management System certification and CPR and AED certification.

Outside of the office, Wilson said she enjoys scrapbooking, reading and spending time with her family. She is the mother of one daughter.



Communications Officer Christy Wilson